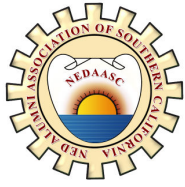


NED Alumni Association of Southern California

2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**Embassy Suites
Anaheim, California
July 18, 2009**





WELCOME TO THE NEDAASC 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Today is a special day—the day of the 5th Annual International Convention of the NED University of Engineering and Technology (NEDUET) Alumni, being held in the heart of Southern California. This publication is also special, totally dedicated to the convention. There are messages from notable people, introductions of NEDAASC's Board of Directors, and the Keynote Speaker. There are a lot of things I want to say about the convention, but I leave this task to Ahmed Ali, the President of NEDAASC, who has done a superb job of leading this organization from the day it was formed. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I convey our gratitude to him for his dedication and tremendous sense of responsibility.

Each member of the Board has worked very hard with diligence and enviable sincerity. We are proud of our achievements in such a short period of time, particularly the scholarship program for the needy students at NED and the Technical Seminars at the NED Campus in Karachi, presented by experts from the United States.

Back to the Convention. It's a day to mingle and renew friendships. It is a day to plan activities beneficial to NEDUET and its Alumni. It is also a day to just chill and have fun. Enjoy!

Farhat Siddiqi
Editor

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF NEDAASC

AHMED ALI

Dear NED Alumni, Friends and Family,

Assalam-O-Alaikum,

It is my honor and pleasure to welcome you to the 2009 NED Alumni International Convention hosted by the NED Alumni Association of Southern California.

The NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC) mission is to help its Alma Mater, students, faculty, and alumni. In the short time since this organization was founded, we have accomplished several milestones. This year NEDAASC has provided 20 scholarships to deserving students based on merit and financial hardship and by 2011 we hope to increase these to 40. We have organized continuing education and technology transfer programs by having subject matter experts from the United States visit NED University and conduct seminars there.

A highlight of today's convention is the essay competition for currently enrolled NED students. The purpose of this essay competition was to tap into the incredible imagination of the students of NED. The Board selected five exceptional members of the community with engineering backgrounds to be the judges for the essays (three are NED Alums) who evaluated and scored the essays. My heartfelt appreciation goes to the judges for their participation in this competition. The winners have been announced and the awards will be presented at tonight's banquet.

Our convention would not have been possible without the vision, dedication, and commitment of the Board of Directors. They are an amazing group of individuals, with successful careers, who believe that NED provided them with the essential engineering education that allowed them to reach their goals. I thank each and every board member for his contribution towards making this convention a success and giving so generously of his time and resources.

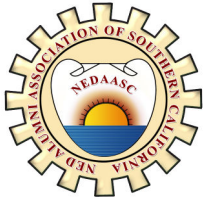
I would like to thank our generous sponsors. If it was not for all of you, we would not have been able to accomplish so much. Your generosity has been overwhelming.

Thank you for joining us today. We have technical sessions throughout the day, and the Gala Banquet, a fun filled evening with entertainment and great food.

Best wishes,



Ahmed Ali
President
NED Alumni Association of Southern California



NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Breakfast and Registration

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

An Informal Get Together of the NEDians

Opening Sessions

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Technical Sessions

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Secrets of Success in Entrepreneurship

Moderator: Farhat Siddiqi

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Transportation, A Prerequisite of Economic Prosperity and Social Bonding

Moderator: Shahnawaz Ahmed

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break / Networking

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Jami J. Shah "An American academic's perspective on NED undergraduate education"

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

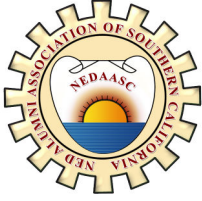
How Alumni can Enhance Quality of Education

Moderator: Moqueem Ansari

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pakistan and Technology

Moderator: Nadeem Moghul



NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

EVENING GALA BANQUET

Reception

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Arif Zaffar Mansuri
Master of Ceremony

Welcoming Remarks

Ahmed Ali
President NEDAASC

Award Presentation

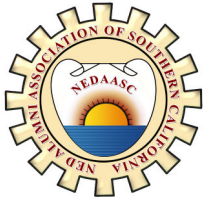
Keynote Speaker

Ashraf Habibullah
President and CEO
Computers & Structures, Inc.,

Dinner

A Musical Evening with

Alamgir
Saima Khan with Ryan Khan
Comedian Sakhi Kamal
Urdu Literary Humor of Ali Hasan Cemendtaur



NED ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

NEDAASC would like to express its deepest appreciation to all our supporters for their dedication & efforts. Special thanks to our sponsors for their generous support.

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KEY NOTE SPEAKER

ASHRAF HABIBULLAH

BIOGRAPHY



Ashraf Habibullah, engineer, educator and entrepreneur, is founder, president, and CEO of Computers and Structures, Inc., based in Berkeley, California. Ashraf graduated from the NED Engineering College in 1969 and received his master's degree in structural engineering from the University of California at Berkeley in 1970. In 1975 he founded CSI, and today the company is recognized globally as the pioneering leader in the development of software tools for structural and earthquake engineering. Ashraf has been at the forefront of the development of complex software for structural and earthquake engineering for more than 30 years. In that capacity he has been influential internationally, with thousands of engineering firms and researchers using CSI's software in the design of buildings, bridges, and other structures in more than 160 countries. Notable projects include the Taipei 101 Tower in Taiwan, the

Freedom Tower in New York, the 2008 Olympics "Bird's Nest" Stadium in Beijing, and the cable-stayed Centenario Bridge over the Panama Canal. Throughout his career, Ashraf has been active as an educator, consultant, researcher and speaker, conducting courses and seminars on a multitude of issues, from cultural topics to analytical techniques and numerical methods.

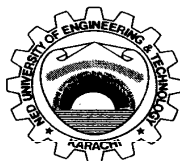
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING: A GIFT OF A PROFESSION!

Ashraf Habibullah, president and CEO of Computers & Structures, Inc., will present a fun and informative talk covering a wide range of topics. A graduate of NED engineering college class of 1969, Ashraf will recount his days as a student and discuss how NED helped shape the future of the profession by providing an invaluable fundamental education to the countless engineers who continue to advance the state of the art around the world today. He'll also talk about what it takes to create an impact in a competitive global economy, the connection between engineering and the arts, and the exciting impact structural engineers have every day on the lives of people throughout the world.

In his talks, Ashraf shares his passion for structural engineering and focuses on the importance of creating a mainstream appreciation for the profession by leveraging its powerful positive social and economic aspects. With great enthusiasm, Ashraf points out the ways in which structural engineering brings art, form, and function to our everyday lives. Indeed, it is because of structural engineering that the monuments reflecting the grandeur of humanity—including the Burj Dubai in the U.A.E. and the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, China—can exist today.

MESSAGE FROM VICE CHANCELLOR

ABUL KALAM



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Message

1. Alumni of NED University which includes the former NED College have surprised not only their country men and women in Pakistan but also inhabitants of whichever countries they have worked in, by their competence as well as their industrious performance. Alumni in the Western Hemisphere especially California have been outstanding examples of this feature!

2. The NED University is always conscious of its duty to remain in contact with its Alumni; likewise it wants them to remain in touch with it for communicating their views how it could improve itself. While doing so, it also expects them to base their advice on its present condition where the Undergraduate programme is now completed within four years and its peaceful atmosphere is now d.v. virtually unrivalled in Karachi. It is currently also in the concluding stages of the massive Development Programme which was initiated five years ago!

3. It's such advice that the University needs; it does not look to its Alumni for funds; in fact funds received from Alumni would be placed in an Alumni Endowment Fund - only the proceeds therefrom being utilised. The University is not now faced with shortage of funds as it was sometime ago. As far as Scholarships are concerned the amount available for yearly disbursement – almost nearly all from private donors within Pakistan but also few isolated Alumni in Saudi Arabia exceeds twelve million Rupees. The University now expects its Alumni in Southern California to visit their Alma Mater at least occasionally to give it the opportunity of exchanging views with them and benefit from their experience so that its Alumni can also feel increasingly proud of their Alma Mater!

Abul Kalam

A. Kalam
Vice-Chancellor

04/07/2008

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER



GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

July 18, 2009

NED Alumni Association of Southern California

Greetings to those who have gathered for your 2009 NED Alumni International Convention.

I welcome your attendees to California. You've chosen the perfect place for your event because our state is committed to developing innovative technologies, and your alumni do that and more. By providing your members with professional growth resources and hosting continuing education programs, you help them apply their talents and skills to improve the world around them. Thank you for your hard work.

While you are here in Anaheim, I encourage you to take advantage of our beautiful beaches, delicious cuisine and fantastic culture. By the end of your visit, I'm sure you'll say, "I'll be back!" and I certainly hope you will.

Please accept my best wishes for a terrific convention filled with friends and memories.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Arnold Schwarzenegger in black ink.

Arnold Schwarzenegger

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MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

HUSAIN HAQQANI



AMBASSADOR OF PAKISTAN

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July 7, 2009

Message from Ambassador Husain Haqqani on Alumni International
Convention of NED Alumni Association of Southern California
(NEDAASC) on July 18, 2009

It is a pleasure to congratulate NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC) on the occasion of their Alumni International Convention being held in California on July 18, 2009. NEDAASC is doing important work in not only helping its alma mater, the NED University, Karachi but also in promoting education in Pakistan. The essay competition sponsored by NEDAASC for students currently enrolled in NED Karachi is a useful initiative.

I am certain that NEDAASC can also play an important role in promoting better linkages between Pakistani and American institutions as well as promoting Pakistan-US relations. I also hope that NEDAASC will use its good offices to convey to the US opinion and policy makers of the importance of Pakistan and the need for broadening and strengthening Pakistan-US relations.

In conclusion I once again facilitate NEDAASC on holding its convention and wish the organizers all success.

MESSAGE FROM US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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July 18, 2009

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NED Alumni Association of Southern California
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Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the NED Alumni Association of Southern California's (NEDAASC) 2009 Alumni International Convention. I am pleased to celebrate this year's Alumni International Convention with you. It is a privilege to have the NED Annual Alumni International Convention hosted in my district.

As one of Pakistan's premier educational institutions, the NED University of Engineering and Technology is the Alma Mater for many professionals working in the United States and Southern California. I would like to recognize the NEDAASC's tireless efforts to assist their alumni through scholarships, transfer programs, and extended education as a source of great support. Without the presence of the NEDAASC, Southern California would certainly lose countless experts who specialize in a variety of disciplines ranging from bio-medical engineering to information technology. During this time of depleting natural resources, Southern California needs the network of professionals that NEDAASC brings together to address these issues.

Once again, thank you for organizing this important convention and best wishes for your continued success.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loretta Sanchez".

Loretta Sanchez

Member of Congress

MESSAGE FROM CONSUL GENERAL OF PAKISTAN

SYED IBNE ABBAS



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July 6, 2009

MESSAGE BY CONSUL GENERAL OF PAKISTAN, LOS ANGELES
ON THE OCCASION OF
NED ALUMNI FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2009

I am pleased to felicitate the President, Board of Directors and members of the NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC), for holding the NED Alumni first International Convention 2009 in California.

NEDAASC alumni is a body representing professional Pakistani-American community members. It is gratifying that the NEDAASC is committed to help its Alma Mater, students and its alumni. The successful professionals are not only Ambassadors of Pakistan but our pride too. NEDAASC's efforts to provide inspiration and leadership to our young engineers and professionals are enviable.

The dynamic Pakistani-American community is a great source of strength for the Consulate General. It is my earnest desire NEDAASC, should continue to play an important role to galvanize our vibrant community.

On this occasion, I urge every member of the NEDAASC to come forward to project and promote your motherland - Pakistan in correct perspective in your adopted home land - the United States of America. We should sincerely endeavour to strengthen friendship and promote cooperation by building bridges between our two countries.

In our march towards excellence, progress and development let us pledge to adhere to the father of nation Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah's guiding principles of Faith, Unity and Discipline.

I extend my best wishes to the President, Board of Directors and members of NEDAASC for their continued success. Pakistan Paindabad!

(Syed Ibne Abbas)

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

MAYOR WILLIAM DALTON



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

July 18, 2009

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Council Member

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Council Member

Dear NED Alumni Convention Attendees,

On behalf of the Garden Grove City Council and the Garden Grove community, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our vibrant city in the heart of beautiful Orange County, California as you come together for the 2009 NED Alumni Convention.

Garden Grove is privileged to serve as the host city for this year's gathering of over 500 university graduates. Each NED alumnus has achieved success from the completion of their formal education, and further, by accomplishing professional excellence in engineering and technology recognized around the world.

Our city is a richly-diverse community, focused on cultural unity and understanding, with a strong emphasis on the educational enrichment of youth. Our school district stands as a recognized leader in public education in the United States.

The NEDAASC is to be commended on its service to NED students, alumni, and dedication to higher learning. Education connects people through ideas, camaraderie, and goodwill that surpass all social or economic boundaries. It ensures global well-being for cities, countries, and nations in areas of scientific and technological advancements, peaceful relations, and economic prosperity.

Once again, our city extends its hospitality to the NED Alumni membership, and encourages you to visit our city's areas of interest during your stay. We wish you a successful convention and look forward to a future opportunity to welcome you back to Garden Grove.

Sincerely,

William J. Dalton, Mayor

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

MAYOR CURT PRINGLE



CITY OF ANAHEIM MAYOR CURT PRINGLE

July 18, 2009

NED Alumni International Convention
Anaheim, CA

To All Attendees:

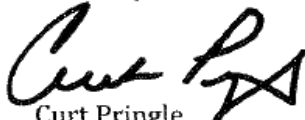
On behalf of the City of Anaheim, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending the 2009 NED Alumni International Convention Southern California hosted by the NED Alumni Association of Southern California.

The City is pleased to host this important gathering of NED alumni as you come together to renew your lifelong commitment to your Alma Mater, supporting the numerous disciplines of engineering undergraduate and graduate programs that have made NED University one of the premier engineering institutions in Pakistan. You can also take great pride in the individual accomplishments and success of alumni who are working throughout the world in both the public and the private sectors, contributing to the economic progress and vitality of their communities. I applaud your dedication to help one another excel in your careers as well as your commitment to provide scholarships to deserving students. This convention is wonderful opportunity to explore innovative and creative ways in which to collaborate on future initiatives.

By coming to Anaheim, you will have joined the *more than 43 million people* who annually visit this area every year. World-class attractions, major league sports franchises, and amazing weather are just some of the amenities that await you. As California's 10th largest city and the sports, entertainment and hospitality heart of Orange County, Anaheim is uniquely capable of providing you, your family and your fellow delegates with a diverse range of experiences during your visit. Whether you go to a sports event, take in a concert, hike through the local hillsides, dine in one of our first rate restaurants or stroll through one of our theme parks, Anaheim is a fun-filled City for all.

Please enjoy your stay with us and be sure to come back to visit again in the near future.

Sincerely,



Curt Pringle
Mayor

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**MESSAGE FROM COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SHERIFF LEROY BACA**



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

*County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
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July 18, 2009

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to you at the *2009 NED Alumni International Convention*, hosted by the NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC).

Your organization should be commended for its extraordinary dedication to higher education and steadfast commitment to providing scholarships and academic opportunities to deserving students in the community. You have truly demonstrated a commendable civic spirit and an unwavering devotion to making a profound difference in the lives of many, and I am honored to recognize your outstanding accomplishments.

May your event be memorable and may your organization continue to prosper. Please accept my best wishes for a most pleasant occasion.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leroy Baca".

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

A Tradition of Service

**MESSAGE FROM COUNTY OF ORANGE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SHERIFF SANDRA HUTCHENS**



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MIKE JAMES**

July 18, 2009

Dear NED Alumni and Board Members:

On behalf of the men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, I want to welcome you to beautiful Orange County for the 2009 NED Alumni International Convention.

I am familiar with the great work of NED alumni throughout the world. You play a key role in economic progress and vitality and your philanthropic activities create positive and lasting changes. Thank you for your efforts and your continued dedication to improving our quality of life.

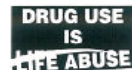
I hope you enjoy your stay in Southern California and I wish all of you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Sandra Hutchens
Sheriff-Coroner

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NEDAASC 2009 ESSAY COMPETITION

BY MUJIB AHMED

Since the establishment of NED Engineering College in Karachi numerous students after graduating from the school have traveled abroad for advance studies. While some have returned to Pakistan most have chosen to stay in the host countries for multiple reasons. These engineers have settled in their respective country of choice and assumed professional responsibilities in their corresponding field of technology whether in public, private, defense and/or academia. NED also matured from a college of engineering that specialized only in the fields of civil, electrical and mechanical engineering up until the early eighties to a University of Engineering and Technology offering degrees in multiple discipline at both undergraduate and post graduate level. NED continues to maintain the highest standards in curriculum, research and technology.

Most NED Alumni who have completed post-graduate studies and settled abroad are also very successful in their respective field of expertise and have gained high stature either as entrepreneurs or in their respective private and/or public sector employment. These alumni, though settled abroad, have always felt a very strong sense of kinship with their homeland and Alma Mater and wish to contribute in its success and growth. In the same spirit, NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC) was formed in the greater Los Angeles area. Since its inception the chapter has established contacts with other alumni chapters world wide and linked with our Alma Mater by hosting faculty members of the university in local events, distributing scholarship funds for a few deserving students enrolled in the university, and conducting technical seminars at NED.

The Board of Directors of NEDAASC also decided to hold an International Convention in Southern California in 2009. As the part of the event planning process it was decided that an essay competition be held for currently enrolled NED students. During the essay topic brainstorming process one of the members reminded everyone and narrated the following couplets of our national poet Sir Mohammad Allama Iqbal:

**Mushriq mein usoolay deen bunn jaatay hein
Mughrib mein mugr machine bunn jaatay hein
Rehtaa nahee'n aek bhee hummaaray pullaay
Waa'n aek kay teen teen bunn jaatay hain'**

These amusing couplets served as the theme for the essay and the board unanimously agreed on the following topic for the essay competition.

“BRIDGING THE GAP IN ENGINEERING ADVANCEMENT AT NED”

It was hoped that the topic would inspire and tap into the incredible imagination of the students of NED who, using essay as the medium would share their own experiences and ideas, so NED will one day become one of the preeminent institutes of engineering sciences and technology in the world. The Board agreed on the following award amounts for the top three winning essays:

First Place: Rs 35,000

Second Place: Rs 25,000

Third Place: Rs 15,000

NEDAASC 2009 ESSAY COMPETITION

The essay competition was announced on October 8, 2008 with final submittal date set for February 15, 2009. There was pleasantly, an overwhelming and enthusiastic response to the essay competition and a total of 39 essays were received. Five prominent members of the community from all across USA (three were NED Alums) were chosen to judge the essays. Of all the essays submitted the judges scores showed that 9 essays were in very close competition. After the final scores were tallied the Board decided that besides the three top ranked essays the remaining were to be nominated for 'honorable mention' category. The following is the list of winners.

NEDAASC 2009 ESSAY COMPETITION RANKINGS

S. No.	Name	Class (Dept. & Roll No)	Ranking
1	Mr. Muhammad Turab Mehdi	SE(PE-020)	First
2	Mr. Abdur Rafey Zafar	BE(PE-004)	Second
3	Ms. Sanaa Iqbal Pirani	BE(ME-011)	Third
4	Mr. Muhammad Hassan-ul-Haq	TE(EE-035)	Honorable Mention
5	Mr. Muhammad Salman Tariq	TE(EE-303)	Honorable Mention
6	Mr. Sami Toor	SE(PE-012)	Honorable Mention
7	Mr. Sarfaraz Hussein Lakhani	TE(EL-076)	Honorable Mention
8	Ms. Zormeena Khan	FE(IM-110)	Honorable Mention
9	Mr. Junaid Muzaffar	FE(EL-???)	Honorable Mention

A brief intro and photos of the three winners are shown below. Also, the photos and brief bios of the judges are included in this publication.



Mr. Muhammad Turab Mehdi is a bright second year student of Petroleum Engineering. Recently, he secured first position in his class exam. He is a cricketer and loves to read.



*Mr. Abdur Rafey Zafar is son of Muhammad Zafar Qureshi, he is in the final year of Petroleum Engineering and has his own web page:
<http://www.arzafar.com>*



Ms. Sanaa Iqbal Pirani is a final year Mechanical Engineering Student. She is active in professional society activities and is currently serving as General Secretary of ASME NED Student Section

The NEDAASC Board of Directors would like to thank all who supported this endeavor and in particular commend Mr. Mujib Ahmed, P.E (1974 Civil) who spear headed the essay competition. Appreciations also go to Mr. Sohail Fazil Usmani, Controller Student Affairs, and NED UET who coordinated the essay competition on campus.

To view the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place essays, please visit our website at www.nedaasc.org.

NEDAASC 2009 ESSAY COMPETITION

BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS OF DISTINGUISHED JUDGES FOR THE 2009 ESSAY COMPETITION SPONSORED BY NEDAASC

	<p>Professor Jami J. Shah is NED Engineering College Graduate of 1973 in Mechanical Engineering. He was the Debating secretary in 1971, English Editor of NED Magazine and General Secretary of Student Union in 1972-73. He was one of the founding members of PSF. He obtained a PhD at Ohio State in 1984 and joined the faculty of Arizona State. He is currently serving as a Director Design Automation Lab and as chief editor, ASME Transactions (JCISE). Jami is the author of 2 books, 200+ technical papers which have been published in journals and presented in conferences. In 2008 he received ASME's highest award for computing and recognized as a distinguished Alumnus by Ohio State.</p>
	<p>Syed Qaisar Madad, P.E. grew up in a small & remote village of Punjab where he had to walk 7 – 7 1/2 miles to Sahiwal to attend High School. He obtained BE. from Engineering University, Lahore and Masters in Mechanical Engineering from Polytechnic University of New York. Currently he is CEO of Technology for Telecommunication & Multimedia, Inc. Prior to establishing his own company, Syed Qaisar Madad spent over 25 years in the Oil & Gas Industry. From 1968 – 1975 worked with Burmah Oil Co in Pakistan. He wrote the Design Basis for SUI-IDRB Gas Transmission Line project and put together Contingency Plan for the Gas Transmission System in 1971 due to war damage. In 1996 he was honored for his distinguished service by California State Assembly and US Senate.</p>
	<p>Mr. Riaz Haq is NED Engineering College Graduate of 1974 in electrical engineering. Riaz has an MSEE from NJIT with more than 25 years of experience in the hi-tech industry. He has been on the faculties of Rutgers University and NED Engineering University and co-founded two high-tech start-ups in Silicon Valley. Riaz is also the Founder and President of PakAlumni Worldwide, a global social network for Pakistanis, South Asians and their friends. Riaz served as Chairman of the NED Alumni Convention held in the Silicon Valley in 2007. Riaz is an avid follower of the world financial markets, a South Asia watcher, an investor and a business consultant. Riaz is an active blogger and his main blog is at www.riazhaq.com</p>
	<p>Mr. Pervaiz Lodhie is Founder & President/CEO of LEDtronics, Inc. and Technologies Karachi, a global pioneer in LED Lighting, engineering professional, entrepreneur and businessman for 40 years. Pervaiz holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Cal. State Los Angeles and was honored as a distinguished Alumnus in 1999. Pervaiz and his wife established LEDtronics in 1983 in Torrance California. Pervaiz founded and serves as Chairman of the Pakistan American Business Executives Association. He is active member of the US Trade Advisory Committee for Congresswoman Jane Harman. Pervaiz also served as Chairman of the Industry Advisory Board for the College of Engineering, computer Sciences and Technology at Cal. State Los Angeles.</p>
	<p>Nadeem Moghal is a Software Engineer, with a specialization in large-scale implementations (ERP, Supply Chain & Logistics, Knowledge Management, Business Process Reengineering, etc). For 15+ years, he has played senior IT roles at various Fortune 1000 companies. He also serves on the board of three internet start-ups. Nadeem completed his BS in Electrical Engineering from NED University and Master's from University of Southern California, Los Angeles. He is a public speaker and panelist at various professional conferences on the topics of Education, Technology and Management. He is currently authoring a book on Program Management, intended for managers and executives. Nadeem is also serving in the NEDAASC as a board member.</p>

NEDAASC'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

BY ZAID AHMED

Since the establishment of NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC) in late 2007, a scholarship program for the current students of NED University of Engineering & Technology (NEDUET) was introduced. The NEDAASC scholarship program is one of the cornerstones of this organization's commitment and goal to serve its Alma Mater. These scholarships are awarded based on the selection criteria and procedures adopted by the NEDUET Students Affairs Office for private funded scholarships. Initially 5 GRE Scholarships in the amount of Rs. 13,600 (\$170) each has been awarded in December 2007 to the selected students of NEDUET. The recipients of the GRE Scholarships were: S.M. Farruk Hamza (4th Year, Mechanical); Umair Bin Waheed (4th Year, Electronics); Farish Kagawala (4th Year, Electronics); Abshar Rashid (3rd Year, Computer Science); and Khurshand Iqbal (3rd Year, Industrial Engineering).

On April 8, 2008 ten scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each was launched for the deserving students of NEDUET. These scholarships were awarded to first year engineering students (all disciplines), based on Need-cum-Merit basis. Only low-income group students are selected and then ranked on the basis of merit. Additional criteria include that students have no other scholarship from any other source. These scholarships once awarded will continue in second, third, and final year to the same students, provided they pass their final annual examinations and meet other eligibility requirements and selection criteria.

The Board of Director's (BOD) of NEDAASC selected and awarded 10 scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each in 2008 to the first year students of NEDUET. In 2009 ten new students from first year engineering class were also selected and awarded scholarships of Rs. 10,000 each. In addition, as NEDAASC is committed to continue these scholarships through second, third, and final year of engineering, 9 out of 10 recipient's of 2008 NEDAASC scholarship have passed their first year final exams and accordingly received the NEDAASC scholarship in their second year engineering class as well.

By 2011, 40 NEDAASC scholarships will be available to the NEDUET students. Currently these scholarships are funded 100% by the NEDAASC members and its Board of Directors. The NEDAASC has not incurred any processing expenses for these scholarships. And all the NEDAASC scholarship funds are 100% available for the NEDUET student's scholarships.

In addition, to the above scholarships for the deserving students of NEDUET, and to support enhance quality of engineering education, and to help realize the dreams of many students in becoming engineers, the NEDAASC has several additional future programs under consideration. These programs will be available to the undergraduate and graduate students of NEDUET. These new programs will be introduced under NEDAASC "Give Back to NED" theme. Some of the future upcoming new programs under consideration are:

- a) Introduction of new scholarships for the graduate students of NEDUET.
- b) Research Grants for NEDUET graduate students and faculty members.
- c) Increase current scholarship amounts equal to the annual fees of each engineering year.
- d) Establish NEDAASC Reference Books Section at NEDUET main Library.
- e) Establish annual essay competition for NEDUET under graduate students.

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Currently we have established an on-line scholarship fund collection drive for our upcoming new programs, and Insha'Allah some of these programs will be introduced and made available in the near future. Scholarship donations can be made on-line at our web site www.nedaasc.org. We would like to encourage all the NED Alumnus to participate in the above new programs. NEDAASC Scholarship committee would appreciate suggestions; comments, and feed back on our current scholarship program, and proposed new NEDAASC programs.

The Board of Directors and member of NEDAASC would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the NEDUET Students Affairs Office and to the Dean of Civil & Environmental Engineering Mr. S. F. A. Rafeequi for their support and help in the selection and processing of NEDAASC scholarships for the NEDUET students. We look forward to working with NEDUET Students Affairs Office in the year's to come and Insha'Allah we will continue our support to the NEDUET students, faculty and all other NED Alumni graduates as part of our NEDAASC goal and commitment.

Recipient's of 2008 And 2009 NEDAASC Scholarships for First and Second Year of Engineering Class:

Ms. Nosheen Maqsood (F.E.&S.E, Civil); Ms. Sana Jaffery (F.E.& S.E., Computer Science); Mr. Muhammad Waqas (F.E.&S.E., Metallurgy Engineering); Ms. Irsa Alvi (F.E.&S.E., Computer Science); Ms. Hareem Siraj (F.E.&S.E., Bio-Engineering); Mr. Umer Bin Rashid (F.E.&S.E., Petroleum Engineering); Mr. S.M. Furqan Ali (F.E.&S.E., Ind. & Manufacturing Engineering); Ms. Afshan Naz (F.E.&S.E., Computer Science); Mr. Ali Ahmed* (F.E., Civil Engineering); and Mr. Muhammad Waqas (F.E.&S.E., Automotive Engineering).

* Mr. Ali Ahmed was not eligible in second year engineering

Recipient's of 2009 NEDAASC Scholarships – New First Year Students of NEDUET:

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The NEDAASC scholarships for the year 2009 to the selected NEDUET students of first year and second year of engineering class was awarded in May 2009, and was distributed to the respective selected students by the Vice Chancellor of NEDUET Dr. Abul Kalam on June 29, 2009.

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The photograph above shows recipients of 2009 NEDAASC Scholarships with left to right sitting: Controller Student Affairs Associate Professor Suhail Fazil Usmani, NEDAASC Board Member Mr. Mansoor Khan, Vice Chancellor Engr. Abul Kalam, Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Shamsul Haque, Dean of Civil Engineering & Architecture Professor Dr. Sahibzada Farooq Ahmad Rafeeqi, Director Industrial Liasion Mr. Shahrukh.

NEDAASC thanks all our donors for their contributions to the scholarship fund. We welcome new donations for this fund. To donate or for further information, please check our web site:

www.nedaasc.org

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NEDAASC

BY MANSOOR KHAN

It was Sunday morning on October 28, 2007 when a group of NEDians met at Moqueem Ansari's residence. The atmosphere was permeated with laughter and nostalgia among longtime friends and contemporaries. The intent of the gathering was to formalize an organization which provides a communication platform for NED Alumni and facilitates NEDians in strengthening relationship with their Alma Mater and fellow professionals. The platform which can channelize by expanding knowledge and strengthening one another by enriching each other with experience/knowledge and building a close network of friends/alumni from NED University, by uploading the highest ethical standards.

After long hours of debate and frank discussions, the resolution was passed unanimously to establish an alumni chapter of NED University in Southern California. The name adopted for the organization was NED Alumni Association of Southern California with the acronym NEDAASC. The inaugural meeting of NEDAASC was held on January 13, 2008 at a restaurant in Anaheim, California. The meeting was well attended, well received and the session was interactive. The office bearers were elected with Ahmed Ali as President of NEDAASC. He is the founding President of the alumni. Resolution was passed in the meeting to file the incorporation of the organization with California Secretary of State and preparation of by-laws. Aims and Objectives of the organization were established. The association is a self-funded, membership-driven organization. A history of NEDAASC was launched.

NEDAASC was formally incorporated on February 15, 2008. Formal meetings are held on a monthly basis. Within a short period of time, the organization got name recognition and is well known among NED Alumni circles in USA and overseas and is growing by leaps and bounds. We have been in contact with the faculty and management of NED University which resulted in the initiation of Technical Exchange Program and providing assistance to the Center for Continuing Engineering Education. Scholarships and financial assistance to NED students have been given and will continue to be offered in the years to come. Keeping with the tradition of NED Alumni Convention held in USA every year since 2005, we are hosting the 2009 convention in Los Angeles area.



NEDAASC stands today as an emblem of the good spirited graduates of NED University of Engineering & Technology who are ready, able and willing to pursue the noblest of intentions for our Alma Mater. The membership is slowly and steadily growing since the inception of the Association. It will grow as we continue to search for other NEDians. Joining NEDAASC is the best way to stay connected to NEDians. We take pride in being NEDian. We will succeed because of the integrity and dedications of NEDians.

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AHMED ALI, PRESIDENT

Ahmed is the founding President of NEDAASC. A graduate of NED Engineering College class of 1971 in Civil Engineering, Ahmed received his Masters degree in Environmental Engineering from California State University, Fullerton. He is also a proud alumnus of Habib Public School, Karachi. Ahmed is the CEO and President of Geo-Etka, Inc. a geotechnical consulting firm in Orange, California. Geo-Etka, Inc. is one of the most established soil engineering companies in Southern California, and has been in business since 1965. Their projects range from transportation, commercial, industrial, and residential in both the public and private sectors.

Ahmed believes in giving back to the community and serves on the Boards of local, national, and international organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, executive board member of the Muslim American Homeland Security Congress, member of the FBI Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee, and President of Al-Shifa Foundation of North America (partners with Al-Shifa Eye Hospitals in Pakistan).

Ahmed also supports the arts and serves on the Steering Committee for an art exhibit planned for 2011 in Los Angeles titled, "Sultans of Science, The History of Science & Technology in Islam". He is also on the planning committee for the United Nations "Concert for Pakistan" to be held in New York on September 14, 2009 to help raise funds for the IDP refugees of Swat Valley.

Ahmed has served as the President of the Council of Pakistan American Affairs (COPAA), and on the Boards of the National Commission on Human Development of Pakistan, the Islamic Information Service that broadcast the weekly television program "The American Muslim Hour", , and the Majlis-e-Shura of The Islamic Society of Orange County. As Project Director for the Islamic Society of Orange County, Ahmed helped build one of the largest mosques in the country.



SYED SHARIQ RAZA, P.E., VICE PRESIDENT

Shariq Raza is one of the founding members of NEDAASC. He is originally from Karachi and graduated from NED University of Engineering and Technology in 1981. He worked at NESPAK in Karachi for 7.5 years at Port Qasim before migrating to the United States in 1989. He obtained a Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree from Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas in 1991. After completing his graduate degree, Shariq joined California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in March, 1991 where he has been ever since. He started at Caltrans as a Junior Civil Engineer and over 18 years he has risen through the ranks to his current position as the Deputy District Director. Shariq is a registered Professional Engineer in the States of California and Arizona and holds the position of a part-time lecturer at California Polytechnic University, Pomona where he teaches graduate courses in traffic Engineering. Shariq is a member of Chi Epsilon and various professional organizations including the Intelligent Transportation Society and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Shariq is married and lives with his wife and two children in Walnut, California. He is an

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accomplished bridge player and represented Pakistan at the Bridge Olympiad in the early 1980s. Shariq also enjoys playing tennis and gardening.



MOQUEEM ANSARI, SECRETARY

As one of the founding member of NEDAASC, he worked hard to unite the NEDians residing in Southern California for the Alma Mater cause. He sponsored the GRE scholarships on merit for five NEDians. He was also instrumental in initiating the hardship scholarship program at NED for 10 students. This hardship scholarship was well received by NEDians and has now grown to 20 and will be increased to 40 by year 2011. He graduated from NED in 1980 in Civil Engineering. In 1984, he did his MS in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University, and now is the President of CPM Construction Inc. For the last 13 years, his company has been providing Construction Management Services related to Estimating and Scheduling to major clients involved in the design and construction of water related projects. Typical projects include pump stations, water distribution systems, wastewater collection systems, water and sewer treatment plants. He is happily married to Maliha, a NEDian, BE Civil 1986 and MS Structures from University of Tokyo. They have three daughters Kiran 18, Sameen 17 and Mishal 4 years old.



MANSOOR KHAN, P.E., TREASURER

Mansoor Khan is a founding member and Treasurer of the NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC). Mansoor graduated from NED University of Engineering & Technology in 1983 with a degree in Civil Engineering and worked in Baghdad, Iraq for over four years on Irrigation and Land Reclamation project. He completed his Masters in Transportation Engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology. He has over 20 years of experience in planning, design, construction of major transportation, highway and freeway projects. Currently he is working as Design Manager at Caltrans in downtown Los Angeles. He has managed complex engineering design projects involving numerous disciplines/trades exceeding \$200 million in project costs. He is a registered and licensed professional Civil Engineer in the State of California. He is well connected through NED Alumni Yahoo forums, public networking websites including LinkedIn and Facebook. He is a founding and board member of Southern California Organization of Pak American Engineers (SCOPE). He resides in Chino Hills with his wife Fasiha and has three children. He enjoys reading, travelling and spending time with family and friends.



FARHAT SIDDIQI, DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Farhat H. Siddiqi, President and CEO of Geo-Environmental, Inc. (GEI), has over 40 years of expertise in civil and geotechnical engineering. He received his Ph.D. in Geotechnical Engineering in 1984 from the University of California, Davis. For his Ph.D. dissertation, he researched the soil liquefaction potential of coarse-grained soils under the direction of late Professor H. Bolton Seed at the University of California at Berkeley. Before starting GEI in 1993, Dr.

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Siddiqi provided his engineering services at elite engineering consulting firms including Harding Lawson Associates and Leighton & Associates in Southern California as well as Harding Associates in Canada. Dr. Siddiqi has taught at several universities including University of California at Irvine, University of California at Davis, California State University at Sacramento, and NED. Dr. Siddiqi graduated from NED in 1965 and served as the NED's Magazine Editor during 1962-63. He served as President of Pakistan Students Association and Muslim Students Association at California State University at Sacramento and the University of California at Davis.



MUJIB AHMED, DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP

Mujib Ahmed is one of the founding members of NEDAASC. He is originally from Karachi and graduated from NED College of Engineering and Technology in 1974. He worked at NESPAK in Karachi for 2 years and in 1978 came to Oregon State University, Corvallis to complete his Masters in Transportation Engineering. Since his Masters he has been in the private sector working on transportation projects through consulting engineering firms. He is a registered Civil Engineer in multiple states and has worked in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. He is a Fellow at the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and served as President for the Washington State Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers in 1989/90. In 2002 he received an "Outstanding Service Award" from the Chapter. More recently, he has served as President for the Riverside and San Bernardino Chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (RSBITE). He also is an active member of the American Public Works Association (APWA). Mujib is currently serving as Vice President for KOA Corporation, a transportation planning and design firm located in Ontario, California. Mujib has 4 children and lives with his family in San Dimas, California. He is an avid reader and enjoys outdoor activities.



ZAID AHMAD, P.E. DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Zaid Ahmad is one of the founding members of NEDAASC. He graduated from NED University of Engineering & Technology in 1979 in Civil Engineering. He started his professional career working with National Construction Company of Pakistan, and worked on miscellaneous construction projects in Pakistan and Kuwait. He came to the USA in 1982 at Oregon State University, Corvallis, and completed his Masters in Civil (Geotechnical) Engineering. Since his Masters, he has been working in the private sector in Dallas, Texas and in the Los Angeles area with geotechnical consulting firms. He joined Southern California Edison Company in 1989, a public owned utility company in their geotechnical engineering department. Zaid is currently working at SCE as a Project Manager and Lead in their geotechnical engineering department. He is a registered Civil Engineer in multiple States including California, Arizona, and Texas. He is also a member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Deep foundation Institute, and Association of State Dam Safety Officials. Zaid is married and lives with his family in Walnut, California. He enjoys sports and plays cricket and table tennis; and he is also an active member of Islamic Center of San Gabriel Valley.

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ALTAF GODIL, DIRECTOR OF WEB

Born in Africa, but raised in Karachi, Mr. Godil went to National College before attending NED University of Engineering and Technology with his two brothers Amin (ME and two years senior) and Afzal (ME his class mate and friend). Mr. Godil left NED in 1982 after which he completed his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from University of Delaware in 1985.

Since graduating, he has worked as a Design and Development / Project Engineer / Business Development Engineer for numerous Aerospace industries and high pressure gas industries. As a Business Development Manager with a high pressure gas industry he represented the US and his company worldwide in many high pressure gas industry specifications including the CNG cylinder testing and inspection specifications that is used worldwide.

Mr. Godil is now President of Toolmart Inc of Escondido, CA, which specializes in the sale of power tools, pneumatic accessories and power tool spare parts used in the construction and industrial trades. Presently he is married and has three kids and lives in San Clemente, CA.



ARIF ZAFFAR MANSURI, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

Arif Zaffar Mansuri is the President and Managing Editor of Pakistan Link, an English and Urdu newspaper printed weekly for the Pakistani-American community and distributed throughout the United States and Canada. He is also the President and CEO of Metals & More, a California-based importer and wholesaler of stainless steel. He is also the Director of Tubular Specialties Manufacturing, a manufacturer of washroom accessories and handrails/railing systems with a manufacturing plant in Los Angeles and warehouses at various locations across the U.S.A. He is also the Director of Huntman LLC, a California-based investment company with industrial and residential real estate holdings in California and Arizona.

Mansuri is an active member of several Pakistani-American and American associations, and has been instrumental in organizing many community events and fundraisers. He is a Board Member of the NED Alumni Association of Southern California (NEDAASC), the past President and current Co-Chairman of Council of Pakistan American Chamber of Commerce (CPACC), the Chairman of Urdu Writers Society (UWS), and past National Director of the Pakistan American Leadership Center (PAL-C). He is also a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Multi Cultural Advisory Committee (MCAC) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Pakistan Advisory Council. Mansuri holds a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering from N.E.D. Engineering University, Karachi; a Masters Degree in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas; and an MBA Degree from Pepperdine University, Malibu, California. Mansuri is married to his wife of 20 years, Zaib-un-Nissa (Debbie) and has a seven-year-old daughter, Jazmyn.

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NAIM SIDDIQUI, DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Naim Siddiqui graduated in 1981 from NED's Mechanical Engineering Department. He travelled to the USA in late 1981, got married in October 1982 and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in early 1984 with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1984 he started working in a local company and stayed there until he formed Crown Technical Systems in 1996. Crown Technical Systems provides Protective Relay Panels, Medium Voltage Metalclad Switchgear and outdoor metal control buildings to the power and utility industry. The company has about sixty full time employees and is located in Ontario, CA. Naim has three wonderful children who are actively pursuing their educational goals.

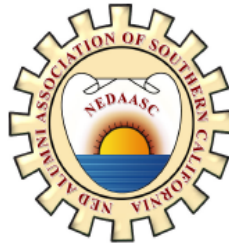
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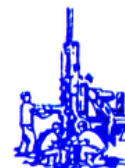
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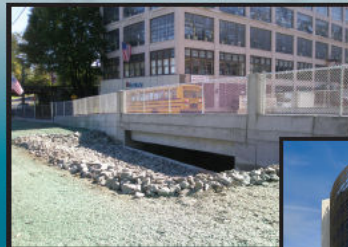
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